

Irregularities in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1429. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been many irregularities in the expenditure made for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, during the past few years, as a result the expenditure was made on those items for which the money was not allotted;

(b) if so, what are the details of expenditure made during the last three years and the details of the expenditure made on work-wise allotted items and expenditure on the items for which the amount was not allotted; and

(c) the action being taken to prevent irregularities in the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) In the light of the report on the Performance Audit of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), submitted by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India in August 2006, for the period 2001-02 to 2004-05 and the examination of the points raised therein, by the Government of India and State/UT SSA programmes, an amount of about Rs. 53 crores can be classified as expenditure not covered under the SSA guidelines.

(c) The States/UTs have already been strictly instructed to avoid recurrence of such instances in future. Government of India is monitoring the use of SSA funds through annual State/UT audits, independent concurrent financial reviews and field monitoring through 41 social science institutions.

Reservation in foreign higher educational institutes

430. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering for OBC reservation in foreign higher educational institutes also;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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